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1. Spaak anxious to be OEEC director general--Former Belgian Premier Spaak has indicated to US Charge Millard in Brussels that he is anxious to accept a post as director general of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC). Spaak said he would rather have the OEEC post than resume his duties as Belgian Foreign Minister, because as Foreign Minister he would be dragged into numerous internal political squabbles with which he has no sympathy. Pointing out that the OEEC has made no progress, particularly in the important matters of foreign investments, tariff reductions, and the establishment of healthy currencies, Spaak believes a good case can be made for creating the post of director general and that he could do useful work in this post.

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